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**At the Jervis B. Webb Company, our history of innovation is our legacy.
Helping you move your business forward is our future.**

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Company Information



Jervis B Webb Company World Headquarters in Farmington Hills, MI

The Jervis B. Webb Company provides innovative material handling solutions that have become the gold standard in the industry. Our roots began in 1919 when Jervis B. Webb adapted the forged rivetless chain conveyor for the automotive industry. This single product revolutionized mass production and changed the way automobiles are manufactured.

Our innovative thinking has also made us leaders in designing airport baggage handling systems and in developing advanced technology, which we call smart handling systems, for manufacturing and warehousing industries. Whatever your business, when you choose Webb, our team becomes your team. And you can rest assured that the material handling systems we design for you are the most dependable and durable in the business.

From design and engineering to manufacturing and installation, our global team of experienced engineers works with you to create flexible material handling systems that meet your needs. Our diversified line of products include conveyor systems, baggage handling system, automatic guided vehicles (AGVs) and automated storage and retrieval systems (AS/RS) that increase your productivity and lower your operating costs helping you meet your bottom line.

And it's not just our products that make us proud. Our most valuable assets walk in our front door every morning. We have nearly 1,000 employees worldwide who have worked at our company an average of 15 years. Our engineering teams work together to find material handling solutions for some of the most successful businesses in the world. It's that teamwork that puts us at the front of the pack. We listen to each other, and we listen to you, to design the right system for your particular business.

We're in it for the long run and so are our products. Wouldn't you rather have a Webb?

Company History



Founder Jervis B Webb

The Jervis B. Webb Company's history is immortalized in the Diego Rivera mural that covers the walls of the Detroit Institute of Arts. The artwork was commissioned to honor the assembly line worker, but at the same time, it captures the future of innovation, in which technology is used to lighten man's burden. The assembly line that takes center stage in the famous mural was invented by Jervis B. Webb who helped change the face of automobile manufacturing.

Webb was a pioneer in the material handling industry. Having begun his career in mining, he found himself fascinated with a rivetless chain that was being used in hard coal mining operations. It was 1919, and automobile assembly lines were still being powered by man. He saw the potential to adapt this chain to the automotive industry and ultimately created a product that would revolutionize mass production.



Early Assembly Line for Ford Motor Company

Humble Beginnings

From a small second floor office overlooking a jewelry store, Webb first sold his idea to Studebaker as an in-floor conveyor that would mechanize the production line. But it was the unique Webb forged link chain used in overhead conveyors that got Henry Ford's attention. Its ability to increase productivity and lower costs was exactly what the legendary automaker was looking for, and it wasn't long before the Jervis B. Webb Company had an order for 30 miles of chain conveyor. It was the beginning of a long relationship that continues even today, not only with Ford Motor Company, but with automotive companies around the globe.

Continuing Legacy

In 1952, under the leadership of Webb's sons, Jervis C. Webb and George H. Webb, the company's innovative spirit expanded even further. The younger Webbs shared their father's passion and ingenuity, as well as his dream to engineer material handling systems that could benefit any manufacturer. Today, our experienced engineers design the most durable and dependable integrated material handling systems on the market, increasing productivity and lowering costs for nearly every industry.



Jervis B. Webb Company Engineers

International Acclaim

For almost two decades, the Webb Airport Systems team has built baggage handling systems around the globe featuring advanced control systems that cannot be matched. Recent projects include Miami International Airport, Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport, Toronto Pearson International Airport, Jacksonville International Airport, as well as airports in Beijing, China, and Iraq.

Expanded Offerings

And our Smart Handling Systems team, which has been building Automatic Guided Vehicles since 1962, uses patented Webb solutions such as SmartLoader and SmartCart, to design integrated systems for the manufacturing and warehousing industries - always adapting our advanced technology to the way an individual company does business. Some of the companies currently using Webb's Smart Systems include John Deere, Ethan Allen and General Motors.

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Detroit Industry, South Wall (detail), 1932-1933, Diego M. Rivera, Gift of Edsel B. Ford, Photograph ©2001 The Detroit Institute of Arts

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